

Lee District Park Master Plan Revision
Summary of Comments Received During Public Comment Period

SUBJECT	COMMENT
Batting Cages	If a batting cage is constructed where the tool shed is now...we will have the constant racket of the pitching machine and the crack of bats and the lights...the tennis court area is a decent distance from any homes.
Baseball	Baseball diamonds should be lit and the batting cage should be upgraded to better serve the users of the park.
Baseball Diamonds	Expand baseball diamonds at Lee District. Realign fields to end overlay condition. Add a 90' field.
Cell tower	If approved 2232 will unnecessarily change the character of the park. It will have an impact on helicopter landing.
Cell tower	...attach the cell tower to the school on Diana Lane.
Fence	Fence the area between the park and our yard where the cut through is [to Mission Court]. We don't really like that this would take away our neighborhood access to the park, but it would be better than have numerous people walking through our yard daily.
Field Layout (121 comments)	Support for Pioneer Baseball Proposal: 2 lighted and fenced 60' fields, 1 lighted and fenced 90' field, 1 batting cage, 3 rectangle fields, 1 lighted
Lights (3 comments)	Please add lights to the fields at Lee District Park.
Lights (12 comments)	Opposed to lights because of impact on surrounding neighborhoods re: glare and traffic caused by late night games.
Lights (2 comments)	Wants FCPA to conduct study of one lighted field over a period that includes two sports seasons, before deciding to permanently light more fields.
Lights	Please add this to the Master Plan: All fixtures should be of a design or have supplementary shielding such that the lamp or light bulb, including any reflector within which it is mounted, should not be directly visible at any point above five feet above the property boundary. Illumination of the ground surface at or beyond the property line should be limited to 0.5 foot-candles measured with the sensor positioned horizontally at grade level.
Parking	Why are you adding more parking? There is plenty of parking. Parking should not impact other park facilities, like tennis courts.
Parking	More parking near the RECenter door should be included. This will increase number of handicap accessible spaces.
Parking	There should be more handicap parking close to the RECenter. The current spaces are inadequate for an aging population and are too far from the front door.

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Parking	Virginia Hills Club (Pool) is concerned that increased use of fields will lead to increased parking in the Pool parking lot and wants the County to fund the cost of installing controlled gated access to the Pool.
Restrooms	Restrooms are too far away from the Family Recreation Area.
Restrooms	Restrooms near the amphitheater would serve both the amphitheater and the proposed Family Recreation Area.
Security	No provisions for security in plan. The improvements will attract gangs to the park. The park serves as a safe place now. Do not let this change. Security cameras should be included in the plan.
Soccer (2 comments)	Strongly support expansion of soccer facilities with lights at Lee District Park.
Soccer (28 comments)	I wholeheartedly support the removal of any overlay fields as this does not serve either sport very well. I would like to request that the lighted baseball field be removed from the Lee District Master Plan Revision drawing and replaced with additional space for lighted large rectangular fields for the following reasons: 1) There is a severe shortage of large rectangular fields in the Lee and Mt. Vernon Districts and there is a surplus of baseball fields in these two districts. 2) The recent construction of baseball fields with fencing at Clermont Park has eliminated a large rectangular field that once was available in this District and the Clermont baseball fields are grossly underutilized. Baseball and softball do not need fields as they do not use the ones that they have. 3) Providing lit rectangular fields will extend the available time and seasons for these activities to help alleviate this severe shortage. 4) Installing a synthetic turf surface will also extend the amount of playing time for our youth sports teams and in the long-term reduce overall maintenance costs of trying to retain grass playing fields.
Softball	Can a batting cage be added here or at Wilton Woods?
Support	I support the plans at Lee District to increase rectangle field space.

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Synthetic Turf	I want to commend you for including proposing the installation of synthetic turf fields. In my opinion, this is the way to go since when you convert athletic fields to synthetic grass it will increase the amount of playability to meet ever increasing demand. Synthetic grass fields support virtually unlimited amounts of use year round, regardless of weather conditions, and without degradation of field quality. A synthetic grass field can annually support at least 2,000 hours of play without degradation to the field surface while a natural grass surface would have serious degradation after 400 hours of use. Maintenance is minimal with no mowing, fertilization, or aeration required. The shape, texture, feel and spacing of the synthetic grass fibers are designed to resemble real grass.
Tennis	The courts should receive new lights.
Traffic	Compare proposed uses at Lee District Park to a major District Park such as Wakefield that has only one entrance to make more accurate predictions about traffic impacts.
Trails	The park should have maintained natural surface trails around the perimeter of the park. This would serve exercisers as well as cross country teams. Exercise stations along trail would also be great.
Trails	Trails should be maintained throughout the park.
Trail Connections (2 comments)	There should be a direct trail between Lee District Park and Huntley Meadows Park.